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HODGSON AGAIN ON THE STAND

He Occupies the Greater Portion of the Time at the Schley Inquiry.

HIS OPINION OF SCHLEY

In the Battle of July 3 the Commodore's Conduct Was Such as That of a Commander Should Be—He Admits Tht Schley Made Profane Remarks Regarding the Texas.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Lieutenant Commander Hodgson today again occupied the greater part of the time of the Schley court of inquiry as a witness. He was followed on the stand by Captain William M. Folger, formerly chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy department, but commander of the New Orleans during the Spanish war. Lieutenant Dyson, also, was recalled to add some details to his former testimony concerning the coal supply of the American fleet before the Santiago blockade. Commander Hodgson repeated and extended his story of the battle of July 3, giving the opinion that Commodore Schley's conduct on that occasion was such as that of a commander in chief should have been. He also explained at some length his correspondence with Admiral Schley concerning the alleged colloquy between them while the Santiago engagement was in progress. He said he had had no controversy with the commodore, but he repeated that the commodore had said, "Damn the Texas," when told that that vessel was in danger.

Captain Folger said that the bombardments of the Cristobal Colon on May 31 had been eminently successful in developing the strength of the Spanish shore batteries and had shown them to be very weak. He said that if the Spanish vessels had attempted to escape at night, they could not have been seen by the blockading fleet in bad weather.

EVIDENCE IN DETAIL.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Today's proceedings in the Schley court of inquiry were begun with the recall of Lieutenant Doyle and Commander Rodgers for the purpose of correcting their testimony. When they had finished Lieutenant Commander Hodgson, navigator of the Brooklyn during the Santiago campaign took the witness stand. A few of the letters constituting the correspondence between the lieutenant commander and Admiral Schley remained to be read. When they had concluded Captain Lemly and Mr. Hanna proceeded with their questions. Captain Lemly asked the commander whether his denial of the colloquy between himself and Commodore Schley had ever been published entire.

"No," replied the witness, "the last paragraph of my letter of denial has never been printed."

That paragraph referred to the enclosure of a newspaper clipping.

Mr. Rayner began his cross-examination by asking whether the Marblehead had hailed the Brooklyn when the two vessels passed each other as the Brooklyn was on her way to Cienfuegos. The witness replied in the negative. The cross examination then turned upon events about Cienfuegos. In reply to Mr. Rayner's inquiry Mr. Hodgson detailed these at length.

Signals Recognized.

Commander Hodgson said in reply to those questions that he had seen the lights on the shore at Cienfuegos which were afterward determined to be signals, but he had supposed they were signals between different branches of the Spanish forces on shore. He added that when Captain McCalla arrived with information as to the meaning of the signals he was immediately dispatched to the shore to communicate with the insurgents.

The progress of the squadron was impeded between Cienfuegos and Santiago, the witness asserted, by the heavy weather the smaller vessels, the Vixen and Eagle, were making, especially the Eagle.

Mr. Rayner asked: "How far were you off, during this blockade of Santiago, from the Morro, during the days and nights of May 28, 29, 30, 31?"

"Early in the daytime our habitual position was about six miles. In the night I think we steamed up and down in front of the harbor, a distance of about six miles. Picket boats, the Marblehead and the Vixen, were inside the line of the fleet, about midway between that line and the shore line."

The witness then, in response to a request from Mr. Rayner, continued his description of the naval battle of July 3 from the point where he had dropped that description at Captain Lemly's request while he was on the stand on Friday. In that connection he said:

Brooklyn's Action.

"The Brooklyn did all she could. She got into action just as quick as steam could carry her there. We commenced firing as soon as the first gun on the port bow would bear, and we kept the port battery firing until she turned with port helm through the arc, using the aft guns until we got all the starboard guns to bear. We got around as quickly as we could with port helm, until we almost paralleled the course of the leading Spanish vessel. When the helm was eased the ship steered a course parallel with the Viscaya, which was then the leading vessel, although the Maria Teresa probably was farther to the westward than the Viscaya. She was standing at an angle into the shore. When we got around the smoke was so very dense nothing could be seen of anything in the rear of us. The three Spanish vessels we were then engaged with were the Viscaya, the Colon and the Oquendo. The Viscaya was about 2,000 yards on our starboard bow; the Colon probably was a little forward of the starboard beam. The Oquendo was abaft of the starboard beam.

"We continued in that direction, when I remarked to Captain Cook that it seemed rather lonely for us out there. He was in the conning tower. He asked why. I said that we were all alone with the three Spanish vessels, and I supposed that the New York being away, the Brooklyn was steaming ahead of the shore vessels. He stepped out of the conning tower and exclaimed to me:

Oregon Appears.

"'What's that off our starboard quarter?' I looked in that direction and saw the heavy bow of a ship and said: 'That must be the Massachusetts.' He said: 'No, it could not be the Massachusetts; she has gone to Guantanamo.' I said: 'It must be the Oregon, and he remarked: 'God bless the Oregon.' I said: 'Well, I am very glad to see her.'

"The Oregon was at that time about, I should

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PRESIDENT LOW'S FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Delivered to the Officers and Students of Columbia University.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 7.—President Seth Low delivered his farewell address to the officers and students of Columbia university today on the occasion of the opening of the one hundred and forty-eighth academic year of that institution. The opening exercises were held for the first time in the new university hall. Mr. Low definitely announced in his speech that he had forwarded his resignation to the trustees of the university and that he believed they would accept it.

Mr. Low is the Republican nominee for mayor of New York. During the afternoon the trustees accepted Mr. Low's resignation, and Nicholas Murray Butler, professor of philosophy and education, was selected as temporary president of the university.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Triennial Meeting of the Sunday School Institute—Officers Who Were Elected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—The triennial meeting of the American Church Sunday School institute opened today in Grace church, under auspices of the Sunday school institute or commission of the diocese of California. After the service of holy communion, a brief address of welcome was delivered by Bishop Nichols, of California. The business of the institute was then begun by the election of the following officers: President, Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of Central Pennsylvania; secretary-treasurer, Rev. S. L. Duhring, Philadelphia; Rev. C. E. Haupt, St. Paul; Rev. W. C. Shaw, San Francisco, and Rev. William G. McCready, of Kentucky; Rev. Richard N. Thomas, of Philadelphia, associate secretaries.

On the executive board of twenty-five are the following Pennsylvanians: George C. Thomas, Philadelphia, elected chairman; Bishop Whitaker, Rev. William Graff, Philadelphia; G. W. Mehaffey, Marietta, Pa.; G. E. Baird, Philadelphia; W. R. Butler, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Vice-presidents are to be appointed from each diocese and missionary district, and the bishops of the church will act as patrons of the society. An address, explanatory of the objects and methods of the institute in promoting Sunday school work, was delivered by Secretary-Treasurer Rev. H. L. Duhring.

At the afternoon session Rev. W. H. Dulming presided. The topic for discussion was "The Child and the Church." Rev. Dr. Bobine spoke of "The Service," explaining its features as grasped by the youthful mind. "The Lesson" was the theme of a discourse by Rev. Edward L. Parsons and "How to Give the Offertory," was the subject of remarks by Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd. A discussion followed, participated in by Rev. Andrew Bachr, William C. Shaw and Dr. Perry. In the evening there was a discussion of "Practical Methods in Sunday School Work," the closing address being by Bishop Whittaker of Pennsylvania.

The Daughters of the King, who met in St. Luke's church, held but one session today, the prayer service being conducted by Bishop Coleman of Delaware. The election for members of the council of fifteen included the names of Mrs. W. W. McCandless of Pennsylvania and Mrs. William Trimble, of Philadelphia. These women will later meet and elect officers.

Several amendments to the constitution were adopted, the most important providing that hereafter conventions of the order shall be held triennially instead of annually.

The question of the meeting place for the next convention was left for decision until action on the same subject shall be taken by the general convention.

FOG CAUSES TROLLEY WRECKS.

Three Collisions in Utica—Several Persons Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Utica, Oct. 7.—A dense fog enveloped this city early this morning, and before it lifted at 8 o'clock there were three trolley car accidents. On the Lincoln avenue line two cars came together with terrific force, nearly demolishing both. Four men were injured and taken to a hospital.

About the same time two Philip street cars came together in Columbia street and were wrecked. Several passengers were injured. The third collision was a half hour later, but in this case there were no severe injuries, though the cars were wrecked. All three accidents happened in the same section of the city.

Four Bailiffs Dismissed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Sheriff Magerstadt, following the recommendation of the grand jury, today dismissed four bailiffs, who, it is claimed, were the pilotted to the former bailiff, James Lynch, in the jury bribing scandals.

SHEPARD NOTIFIED.

He Promises Good Government if Elected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 7.—Edward M. Shepard, of Brooklyn, the Democratic nominee for mayor of Greater New York, today returned from Lake George. He was waited on tonight at his residence by a committee of the party, who formally notified him of his nomination, and Mr. Shepard accepted the honor.

Mr. Shepard, in accepting the nomination, said, among other things:

"I promise you and the Democratic party of this city and its entire people if my nomination be ratified at the polls, that from the first of January, 1902, until the end of 1903, the police commissioner of the city of New York, if I shall live so long, will, barring interference from Albany, be in effect the man who is mayor of the city, acting through a competent, honest, resolute citizen, who shall at all times, both in season or out of season, by day and by night, practically enforce the standard which the mayor himself, upon his whole conscience and in view of his own undoubted power and responsibility, sets up for police administration."

In closing, he said:

"I am a Democrat, and therefore I believe in personal liberty, not a license for crime and vice.

"I hold, with Governor Seymor and Governor Tilden, a profound distrust of the ability of government to reform the habits of its citizens."

SHAMOKIN STRIKE ENDED.

Thirteen Hundred Employes Will Return to Work.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 7.—The thirteen hundred employes of the Natalie colliery, operated by the Shamokin Coal company, held a mass meeting today, and decided to return to work tomorrow

James Bateman, ex-inside superintendent, has agreed to remove from Natalie. Bateman gained the enmity of a number of miners and a strike for his discharge was successful, Bateman being dismissed. He, however, continued to live in one of the company's houses, and the present strike was inaugurated to enforce his removal from the house. The strike is thus ended by reason of Bateman's decision to move.

DAY OF ORATORY AT SAN FRANCISCO

Results in the Adoption of an Addition to Article X of Constitution.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Oct. 7.—This was a day of oratory in the house of deputies of the triennial Episcopal convention. The debate, which began last Saturday on the proposed addition to Article X of the constitution, prescribing the form of worship, was continued all day, and resulted in its adoption. As adopted it is:

"But provision may be made by canon for the temporary use of old forms and directories of worship by congregations not in union with this church, who are willing to accept the spiritual oversight of the bishop of the diocese or missionary district."

The debate was very animated, and until the result was made known it was the prevailing opinion that the vote would be much more evenly divided than it was. It was strongly urged by the advocates of the proposed change that its adoption would open the way to a great increase in the membership of the church, while its opponents regarded it as too radical an innovation.

The house of deputies adopted the amendment to Article I, Section 13, of the constitution, already approved by the deputies, which, in effect, makes the presiding bishop of the church elective for a term of three years by a majority of bishops. It was voted, in view of the growing importance of missionary work in China, to divide the district of Shanghai into two departments, to be known as those of Shanghai and Hankow. The bishops considered a number of reports and transacted much routine business.

FEVER EPIDEMIC IN NEW YORK

Due to Opening of the Rapid Transit Tunnel.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 7.—All the hospitals connected with the Charities Department have their medical wards filled. This crowded condition was said this morning to be due to a large number of typhoid and malarial patients. In some hospitals medical cases have even been placed in the surgical and maternity wards.

Officials of the charities department think the increase in these cases is due to the opening of the Rapid Transit tunnel and other public works which cause the streets to be torn up.

Glass Factories Start Up.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Anderson, Ind., Oct. 7.—Fires were started today in the furnaces of the most window glass factories throughout the gas belt. The local managers and the superintendents are preparing for the starting of all the factories of the American Window Glass company on Nov. 4. There is a shortage of window glass blowers in Indiana. The deficiency will be made up in part within the next fortnight by over two hundred Belgians, who are coming from their native land to work in the gas belt factories.

Miss Gould Gives Scholarships.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Miss Helen Miller Gould has given to Vassar college two scholarships of ten thousand dollars each. Miss Gould has already presented two other scholarships to the college.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S ILLNESS.

He Is Suffering from an Attack of Aphasia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Rear Admiral Sampson, who is now sojourning in Washington, is profiting by the daily care and attention of one of the best local physicians. He receives no callers at his present home on New Hampshire avenue and is directly under the personal care of Mrs. Sampson.

As to the admiral's condition, it was stated today that he suffers at present from an unusually prolonged attack of aphasia, an ailment which has troubled him in greater or less degree since he was chief of the naval bureau of ordnance. Save for this and a feeble condition, resulting from a too close application to work, it can be stated that Admiral Sampson has no other affliction and that his condition is not serious to a degree wherein his life would be considered as in danger.

WIDOW ARRESTED AS A WHOLESALE POISONER

Dayton Police Believe Mrs. Witmer Has Killed Fourteen Persons. Stronge Story of Crime.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press

Dayton, O., Oct. 7.—Mrs. A. J. Witmer, a widow, has been arrested at the instigation of the coroner, and is held pending an investigation into charges of wholesale murder. Mrs. Witmer, the police say, is suspected of killing fourteen persons, the list including four husbands, five children, one sister and four members of different families in which she was employed as housekeeper. The last supposed victim was her sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, who died a week ago under mysterious circumstances. An autopsy performed at the request of Mrs. Witmer's mother, who came here from Detroit, is said to have disclosed the presence of arsenic and copperas in the stomach.

Following closely upon the death of her first husband, Fred Schweger, came, according to the police department data, the death of two children. The second husband died suddenly several years after the wedding, and the children of this marriage died in rapid succession. Her last husband, A. J. Witmer, died last April. In each instance death was somewhat sudden and the circumstances of all were strangely alike.

The prisoner is 47 years old, and formerly lived in Middletown, this state. She has two sons in the Philippines and a sister, it is reported, in a New York asylum. No conceivable motive for the suspected crimes has been disclosed. Drugs were found in the house occupied by Mrs. Witmer.

The third husband of Mrs. Witmar was William Stowe, who died at Middleton, with symptoms, it is stated, of arsenical poisoning. Mr. Stowe's death was investigated by the coroner, but without result. Shortly after Mr. Stowe's death, Mrs. Witmar came to Dayton and became housekeeper for Charles K. Keller, a widower. Keller died suddenly, and the information since gained by the coroner concerning Keller's death is that his ailment was similar to that of a person affected by poison. Mrs. Witmar next acted as housekeeper for John A. Wentz, a druggist. In July, last year, Wentz's 4-year-old son suddenly died, and two months later Wentz died. The doctors attributed Wentz's death to blood poisoning, but now tell the coroner they were dissatisfied with their diagnosis at the time. Mrs. Stowe then went to live with a Mr. and Mrs. Gabler, on Best street, Riverdale. These two persons died suddenly, and the coroner now says their sickness was of the nature of arsenical poisoning.

WON'T ACCEPT JUDGESHIP.

Wilkes-Barre's Mayor Refuses Governor's Appointment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 7.—Mayor Nichols, of this city, Republican nominee for Orphans' court judge, and who was appointed to the office last week by Governor Stone, today sent a letter to the governor in which he declines to accept the place.

He says he cannot discharge the duties of the office and at the same time conduct a personal canvas for the judgeship. It is probable Governor Stone will make another appointment in a day or two.

BILLIARD PROPRIETOR SHOT.

On Second Attempt Charles Asher Kills G. A. Sanders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Oct. 7.—Gustave A. Sanders, proprietor of the champion billiard hall on Diamond street, was shot and killed in his billiard room at noon today by Charles Asher.

The shooting was the result of an old grudge. Asher had just been released from the workhouse where he served a sentence for attempting to shoot Sanders six months ago. He was arrested and is now in jail.

CHINESE EATING HUMAN FLESH

Practice Continued in Shansi, Despite Imperial Edict.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tacoma, Oct. 7.—The steamship Glenogle brings news of human flesh being freely sold in the famine districts of Shansi, China. Babies and young children are being butchered.

The empress dowager has commanded that the practice be stopped, but is able to enforce her orders only around Hsian Fu.

Brooklyn's Anti-Tammany Ticket.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 7.—The Republican and Anti-Tammany organization of Brooklyn tonight named the following borough and county ticket: For borough president, J. Edward Swanstrom, (Citizens' Union and Brooklyn Democracy); for sheriff, Charles Goden, (Republican); for register, John K. Neil, (Republican); for county clerk, Charles Hartshorn, (German-American league).

KIDNAPPERS COMMITTED

The Abductors of Mabel Goodrich Will Have Further Hearing on Monday.

ALL HAVE CONFESSED

Dunlap, the Barber, Claims That He Did Not Know of the Intention of Others to Rob the Woman—Wallace Also Testifies that Sloan Had Suggested to Him the Plan by Which the Woman Was to Be Abducted in the Interest of the Law and Order Society—Another Newspaper Man in the Scheme.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Charged with abducting and robbing Mabel Goodrich, the proprietress of a disreputable establishment, Howard K. Sloan, Henry E. Wallace, D. Knight Findlay and Oscar S. Dunlap were today brought before a magistrate and committed without bail for a further hearing next Monday.

Sloan is an unemployed newspaper reporter; Wallace was a society reporter for the Press; Findlay was employed in the business department of the North American as a stenographer, and Dunlap is a barber. The quartette were arrested Saturday on warrants sworn out by Mrs. Goodrich. The woman was the first witness against the prisoners and identified each of them. She then told the remarkable story of her abduction, confinement and robbery, as detailed in these dispatches. She concluded her testimony by stating that she was robebd of her jewelry, valued at $2,500, and cash amounting to $70, and was forced to sign checks for $500. After a check for $155 had been cashed, she was released, she said.

Detective Donaghy related the story of the arrest of the prisoners and stated that all had confessed. Dunlap, he said, told him that his purpose was to assist Sloan in placing Mrs. Goodrich in the hands of the Law and Order society. He had not been told of the intention to rob the woman.

Wallace was the only prisoner to testify. He said Sloan had suggested to him the plan by which Mrs. Goodrich was to be abducted in the interest of the Law and Order society, which organization would reward them for their services. Later, Wallace said Sloan made the proposition to rob the woman. Wallace refused to become a party to the robbery, he declared, and further that he did not see Sloan from that time until the day of his arrest.

In answer to questions, Wallace said the suggestion to capture Mrs. Goodrich for the Law and Order society was also made by another newspaper man. The latter has not been arrested.

Sloan and Findlay were held in $2000 bail each on the charges of assault and battery and conspiracy and committed to prison without bail on the charge of kidnapping and of highway robbery. Wallace who turned state's evidence, and Dunlap were committed without bail on the charge of conspiracy and kidnapping. The penalty for kidnapping is life imprisonment.

WATRES INTERVIEWED.

Tells Philadelphia Reporters That He Is in Earnest as a Candidate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Watres, who was in the city tonight said in a brief interview:

"There is little or nothing for me to say at this time. My friends throughout the state realize that I am in earnest in a contest for the Republican nomination for governor and I have sufficient assurances of support from numbers of active party men in the several counties to make me feel entirely hopeful."

JAPANESE FISHING FLEET LOST

Heavy Storms and Floods Are Reported from Coast of Kazuza.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tacoma, Oct. 7.—Steamship advices are that the coast of Kazuza, northern Japan, has been visited by heavy gales, wrecking 400 fishing boats.

Twelve boats with total crews of seventy-four are missing. Heavy rains caused an overflow of the rivers of Hokkaido, washing away 600 houses and submerging many villages.

$10,000 Fire in New Jersey.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pemgerory, N. J., Oct. 7.—Four buildings, known as the Sumner's block, were destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a loss of $10,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Captain Louis Ross, for twenty years prominently identified with the Chicago police force, died here today of pneumonia.

WALKING MATCH AT PHILADELPHIA

Only Six Have Dropped Out During the First 24 Hours.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Of the forty-nine men who started in the six days' walking match at Industrial hall, twenty-four hours ago, only six have dropped out. The first to make a century was Glick who passed that mark at 6.32 p. m., having made the hundred miles in seventeen hours and fifty-four minutes. Hegelman covered the distance in seventeen hours and fifty-five minutes. At midnight the score of the first fourteen men was as follows:

Glick, 120; Hegelman, 117; Cartwright, 116; Hart, 114; Golden, 110; Brett, 107; Dean, 106; Tracey, 97; Guerrero, 92; Day, 92; Fahey, 91; Hoagland, 90; Messier, 90 miles.

SUPERIOR COURT MEETS.

All Justices Present Except Mitchell, Who Is Ill.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—The state Superior court today met in this city for the final term of the year. All the justices were present except Justice Mitchell, of Tioga, who is ill.

No decisions were handed down. After admitting a large number of lawyers to practice in the court, the list of cases was called and arguments began.

THE PROBABLE FATE OF MISS STONE

An ex-Consul Says Her Head Will Be Placed on a Pole if the Ransom Is Not Paid.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, Oct. 7.—"If the ransom of Miss Stone is not paid, I firmly believe her head will be set upon a pike pole in the nearest village," was the statement of Hon. Z. T. Sweeny of Columbus, Indiana, ex-consul general to Turkey at the Young Men's Christian association today. Continuing Mr. Sweeny said:

"I think the kidnapping of Miss Stone was done for political purposes. Her captors wish the United States to seek revenge upon Turkey. True to their promise, the brigands will release Miss Stone if her ransom is paid. If it is not they will cut a finger off and send it to her friends. Then an ear and finally her head will be put upon a pike pole in some village of Turkey.

"I know them, know their methods of operating and know their history. I have had numerous experiences with them, and whatever may be their faults they are honorable men as far as their words go."

DEAD BOY IN A BAG.

Mysterious Murder of a Five-Year-Old Colored Lad—Body Found in an Areaway.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York July 7.—The partly nude body of Albert Robinson Ryan, five years old, 300 West Twenty-first street, was found in a burlap bag early this morning in the areaway of 361 West Twenty-second street. In the bag was the boy's clothing. The stepfather went to police headquarters to report the disappearance of the boy and was sent to the West Twentieth street station, where he identified the clothing. Later in the day he and the boy's mother were held by the police as "suspicious persons."

The body was found by Patrolman Daniel Hogan of the West Twentieth street police station. It was nude with the exception of a light pair of cotton drawers, but in the bag with the body were a number of garments which had evidently belonged to the lad. Except a laceration on the boy's abdomen, there were no marks of violence on the body. The laceration it is not believed was sufficient to have caused death.

Hogan was walking along the north side of Twenty-second street when he noticed the bag lying in the areaway. He investigated and found the body. Patrolman Culhane of the same station happened to be passing on the opposite side of the street, and he was called over. As a precautionary measure an ambulance was summoned from the New York hospital, and Dr. Chittenden pronounced the boy dead. The body was then taken to the police station.

It was learned by the police that the boy was the son of a mulatto woman named Robinson who lived with Ryan as his wife but Ryan was not the father. The mother was taken to the morgue, where she identified the body and said the boy was her son, Albert Robinson. She became hysterical and said she wanted to kill herself.

Alonzo Watson, a waiter, whose mother is janitress of the tenement where Ryan lives, was arrested on suspicion that he knew something of the boy's death.

Coroner's physicians made an autopsy on the boy's body this afternoon and found that death was due to asphyxiation. They found a quantity of alcoholic fluid in the stomach and serious lacerations of the lower parts of the abdomen. The physicians pronounced it one of the most ghastly of crimes. Ryan and the woman were arrested and with Watson were remanded to the custody of the coroner.

MR. PALM'S FAREWELL

Says He Will Not Stand in the Way of a Reform Ticket for Pennsylvania.

HIS FAITH IS IN FUSION

The Democratic Candidate for State Treasurer Cheerfully Shifts the Responsibility of the Run Upon the Shoulders of Elisha A. Coray, Who Is to Be Presented by the Independents—Grateful to the Newspapers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Oct. 7.—The following letter was made public here tonight. It is self-explanatory:

Meadville, Pa., Oct. 7, 1901.

To the Democratic State Central Committee, per Hon. W. T. Creasy, Chairman, Harrisburg, Pa.

Gentlemen: At the recent Democratic state convention I stated publicly, as well as privately, that I would not stand in the way of uniting the reform forces of the state on a fusion ticket, if such union seem advisable. At the notification meeting six weeks later I again expressed a willingness to withdraw if the Democratic state central committee should deem it wise, in order to effect a fusion of the anti-machine forces.

From the general tone of the Democratic press, as well as from the opinions of the members of the committee who have been consulted, I am convinced that the Democratic sentiment of the state is strongly in favor of uniting our strength with that of the independent Republicans in what promises to be a successful contest against that political organization which is so lost to all sense of honor and shame as to endorse the last legislature in a state platform.

While it is true that the state convention passed a resolution indicating opposition to fusion, it is equally true that a great change in sentiment has taken place since the fifteenth of August, and there is no doubt that if a convention were to be held today it would be heartily in favor of uniting with those who are fighting the same battle for better government.

In view of all that goes to make up the present political situation I deem it my duty as a citizen, as well as a candidate, to do what I can to make the way clear for a fusion ticket; and, therefore, I have this day forwarded notice of my withdrawal as a nominee for state treasurer to be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

In the hope of creating a feeling of antagonism some of the Republican papers have been saying that I am to be thrown off the ticket or forced to withdraw. The truth is that not a Democratic nor independent Republican has demanded or even requested my withdrawal. On the contrary all who have mentioned the matter have said that if I preferred to remain on the ticket that would end further talk of fusion so far as they were concerned, and, while I am willing to continue as a candidate if that were thought best for the cause in which all good citizens are so deeply interested, I withdraw just as willingly since a majority of these citizens believe that success is merely likely to result from a union of the anti-machine forces.

Every good Democrat should carefully acquiesce in the judgment of the majority, and especially when he is not asked to endorse any principle or advocate any matter to which reasonable objection can be made. There is something before us this year more important than quibbling over party names, personal interest or partisan advantage. There is, in fact, no political question before us in this contest.

"The men elected this fall will have nothing more to do with the tariff question, the financial problem, the ship subsidy scheme, the Nicaraguan canal, or any other political subject than the man in the moon. There is a higher and more important issue than all these wrangles over matters of money.

"The principles of the decalogue itself are forced upon us as the guage of battle, and we are called upon to decide whether bribery, perjury and general political corruption shall be rebuked or whether they shall be wilfully endorsed at the ballot box.

"It will not be considered out of the place to say a word as to Hon. Elisha A. Coray, who will be presented by the Independent Republicans to take the place made vacant by my withdrawal. He is a gentleman whose integrity and capability cannot be justly assailed, and one whom no voter need hesitate to support if he desires to aid a candidate who is fully competent and thoroughly honest. No man who supports him will ever have cause to regret it through any act of Mr. Coray. To assure him how faithfully he has stood by the honest people of the state, it is but necessary to examine the proceedings of the legislature since 1896. His voice and vote have ever been for the right and against the wrong, and his hands are unstained by the briber's touch.

"I wish to say, in closing, that I shall always hear in grateful remembrance the kind treatment accorded me since the nomination by the newspapers of the state, regardless of party bias, as well as by the notification committee, the members of the state central committee and the leaders of the party generally. Hoping that right and justice may prevail in the coming contest and victory perch upon our banners,

I am, Sincerely yours,

"Andrew J. Palm."

DEATH STRIKES A WORSHIPPER

Man in Church Cries "Amen," and Passes Away.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 7.—With a fervent "Amen" upon his lips, spoken in unison with Bishop Mills at the conclusion of the act of ordination, Abraham Shenk, aged 46 years, of Schaefferstown, dropped his head on his wife's shoulders in Zion's United Brethren church today, and died in the midst of a congregation of 1,000. Death was due to apoplexy.

Lace Mills Resume.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 7.—The strike at the Wilkes-Barre lace mills has been settled. Both sides made concessions. The discharged girls were reinstated. The mill resumed operations this morning in all departments.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for October 7, 1901:

Highest temperature ..... 69 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 57 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 86 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 72 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and warmer Tuesday, Wednesday, probably showers in northern portion; fair in southern portion; light to fresh southeasterly winds.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lisbon, Oct. 7. Ninety-six persons were drowned today by the foundering of a fish boat in the bay of Penich, on the south side of the peninsula of Peniche.

London, Oct. 8.—In Paroloca, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, 120 miles from Khartoum, says a dispatch to the standard, from Morrow, a quarrel between Scandis and Orthodox church people led to a free fight. The Russian church was wrecked. Eighty people were killed. The police were powerless and troops were sent from Kharkoff to restore order. The dissian priests escaped with the more valuable sacred images and other vessels.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—William A. Heidecker, representing Murray A. Verner, of Pittsburg, Pa., has presented to the municipal council a memorial offering to take over the entire surface traction of the city and to form a company, under Russian law, with a capital of 100,000,000 roubles.

CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg, Oct. 7.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: For Mckeesport Manufacturing company, Mckeesport; capital, 1,000. Westmoreland Steel company, Pittsburg; capital, $1,000. Red Jacket Coal company, Pittsburg; capital, $15,000.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—The will of the Thomas Elkinton, a well-known member of the Society of Friends, who died Sept. 29, makes a number of bequests to charitable and educational institutions upon the death of Mr. Elkinton's widow and sister. The will bequeaths $25,000 to the committee in charge of the West Town, Pa., school for Friends, to be appropriated to the department of physical education. Bequests of $5,000 each are made to the Orthopedic dispensary, of Pennsylvania, Jefferson and Polyclinic hospitals.

York, Oct. 7.—The strike of the carmakers in the two local factories of the Standard Coach company, was settled this morning, when the men returned to work. A settlement was effected on a wage advance of ten per cent. on trimmers and seven per cent. on car chain. Two hundred men are affected.